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**PART I - NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS  
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**NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department - Formation of road in Lingamparthu Reserve Forest in Compt. No.587 from Konda Timmapuram to China Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal – Illegal transportation of Laterite –Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & A.P. Forest Act, 1967 – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle** – Articles of Charges – Issued.

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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.10**

**Dated:03.01.2024.**

**Read the following:**

- 1)From the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR-1/2016), dated 21.12.2018.
- 2)Memo.No.119/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 29.12.2023.

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**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle, is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle, is informed that the inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the time specified in Para-3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

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6. Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle, is informed that under Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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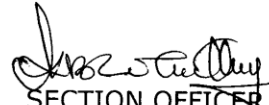

Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

**Copy to:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri. (He is requested to serve the order on the individual, obtain his dated acknowledgment on the duplicate copy and resubmit the same to Government for record)

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. TRIMURTHULU REDDY, ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (TRAINEE), SOUTHERN FOREST OFFICERS AND RANGERS TRAINING COLLEGE, COIMBATOUR, TAMIL NADU, EARLIER WORKED AS FOREST RANGE OFFICER, YELESWARAM RANGE, KAKINADA DIVISION OF RAJAHMUNDRY CIRCLE.**

That the said Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatour, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle from 27.01.2015 to 31.01.2016, had committed the grave misconduct and irregularities as mentioned in the following Articles of Charge:

**ARTICLES OF CHARGE:**

That he had shown gross negligent attitude in discharging his duties by slack supervision of Forest protection and lack of inspections due to which a Road was formed from Konda Thimmapuram to China Vanthada in Lingamparthi Beat, Lingamparthi R.F., over a length of 1576 mts., with a width of 8.00 mts., instead of 4.00 mts., resulting in 0.6304 ha of R.F. land was illegally encroached by violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, but the same was not reported and misled the higher Officials by suppressing the facts and colluding with the mining company management. Hence, he intentionally allowed M/s. SPM Agrotech & Minerals Private Limited., for illegal mining i.e., to excavate Laterite in the R.F. and failed to report the erected Pillars and also not reported the illegal transportation of mining through Road formed under RoFR provisions by causing huge loss to the Government exchequer and thereby, violated the provisions of the A.P. Forest Act, 1967, Forest Conservation Act, 1980, duties & responsibilities under the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department code and Circular instructions issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in Circular no.13/1995, dated 12.11.1995.

That, Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatour, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, discipline and devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule-3 (1) of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the charge.

**NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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## **ANNEXURE-II**

### **STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. TRIMURTHULU REDDY, ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (TRAINEE), SOUTHERN FOREST OFFICERS AND RANGERS TRAINING COLLEGE, COIMBATOUR, TAMIL NADU, EARLIER WORKED AS FOREST RANGE OFFICER, YELESWARAM RANGE, KAKINADA DIVISION OF RAJAHMUNDRY CIRCLE**

That the said Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Trainee), Southern Forest Officers and Rangers training College, Coimbatour, Tamil Nadu, earlier worked as Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram Range, Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle from 27.01.2015 to 31.01.2016, had committed the grave misconduct and irregularities as mentioned in the following Articles of Charge:

#### **ARTICLE OF CHARGE:**

That he had shown gross negligent attitude in discharging his duties by slack supervision of Forest protection and lack of inspections due to which a Road was formed from Konda Thimmapuram to China Vanthada in Lingamparthi Beat, Lingamparthi R.F., over a length of 1576 mts., with a width of 8.00 mts., instead of 4.00 mts., resulting in 0.6304 ha of R.F. land was illegally encroached by violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, but the same was not reported and misled the higher officials by suppressing the facts and colluding with the mining company management. Hence, intentionally allowed M/s. SPM Agrotech & Minerals Private Limited., for illegal mining i.e., to excavate Laterite in the R.F. and failed to report the erected Pillars and also not reported the illegal transportation of mining through Road formed under RoFR provisions by causing huge loss to the Government exchequer and thereby, violated the provisions of the A.P. Forest Act, 1967, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, duties & responsibilities under the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department code and Circular instructions issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in Circular no.13/1995, dated 12.11.1995.

#### **Basis of the charge:-**

As per the duties and responsibilities confined under section 155 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Department Code Volume-I, the Forest Range Officer is directly responsible for efficient management of Range, proper protection of forests and for custody and condition of all the **Government property included in his Range. But, the individual has violated the same.**

That certain proposals were received from the Deputy Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Prathipadu for formation of a Road across the Lingamparthi R.F. under RoFR Act, 2006 from Konda Timmapuram to China Vanthada to Vanthada in Lingamparthi Beat in Yeleswaram Section and Range. Later as recommended by the Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram and Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Yeleswaram, considering the representations and basing on the resolutions of Panchayat Sarpanch, Secretary Lingamparthi, FRC Chairman & Members, VSS Chairman & Members of Konda Timmapuram, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada has accorded permission for formation of the Road over a length of 1576 mts. with a width of 4.00 m. (1576 m. x 4.00 mts. = 6304 sq.m.) 0.6304 ha. area only from Konda Timmapuram to China Vanthada to Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal under sub section (2) of Section 3 (1) and 3 (2) of the RoFR Act, 2006 in Rc.no.5627/2014-D1, dt.01.11.2014 for the purpose of the movement of the local Tribals for their daily needs such as medical, education and livelihood.

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The Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram in his Rc.no.521/2014, dt.11.08.2015, has reported that during the regular field inspections, it is observed that the above road was formed with a width up to 8.00 mts. as against the permitted width of 4.00 mts. which is a violation of Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 and A.P.Forest Act,1967.

Considering the facts and due to the violation of Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 and Andhra Pradesh Forest Act,1967 in formation of road over a width of 8.00 m. instead of 4.00 m. and recommendations of the Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada has withdrawn the permission in Rc.No.5627/2014-D1, dated.12.08.2015.

While formation of Road in excess than the permitted area, 0.6304 ha. (1,576 X 4.00 m.) of Reserved Forest land was illicitly encroached in Lingamparthi Reserved Forests in Compartment No.587.

Thus the Forest Range Officer has shown negligence in performing his legitimate duties by not properly protecting the forest wealth within his jurisdiction. If the individual was vigilant in his duties in perambulating the area, he could have prevented the illegal formation of Road and encroachment of Forest land by violating the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 in Reserved Forests and registered criminal cases against the offenders under Forest Acts. Thus he has not reported the facts and misled the higher officers by suppressing the facts.

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department has pointed out certain irregularities in negligence of duty, inaction to prevent the illegal formation of Road and encroachment of Forest land by violating the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Reserved Forests and failed to register criminal cases against the offenders under Forest Acts and hence recommended to Government for initiation of disciplinary action against the Forest officials/staff concerned in Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR.1/2016), dated.21.12.2018. On the irregularities pointed out by the Vigilance and Enforcement Department in Memo. No.119/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 29.05.2019 have decided to initiate common disciplinary action against the concerned Forest Beat Officers, Forest Section Officers, Forest Range Officers and Sub- Divisional Forest Officers of Kakinada Division, who are responsible for the said irregularities.

The report of the Vigilance & Enforcement Department regarding road formation in Forest area is as follows.

**Forest Area:**

**From Forest cairn in Compartment No.703 of Vanthada Village to Forest Boundary line in China Vanthada:**

- I. The road measurements were taken at 17 locations for a length of 1,597 mts. The average width of the road is observed as 7.45 m.(126.7/17) and total area works out about 1.18 Hectares (1597x7.45/10000). No records are available regarding formation of this part of the road. The Forest Officials informed that this part of road belongs to Revenue land of Vanthada Village.
- II. Part of the road (Vanthada to China Vanthada) that the hillock was excavated on both sides of road at 17 locations and the width of road formation varies from 5.0 m. to 9.50 mts. and depth of excavation varies from 2.0 m. to 4.50 m.

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**From China Vanthada Forest boundary line to Konda Thimmapuram Forest boundary line:**

The road measurements were taken at 22 locations for a length of 1962 mts. in this part of the road. This part of road is laid in Lingamparthi Reserve Forest covered in Compartment no.588 and 589. The average width of road formation works out to 9.295 mts (204.5/22) and the total area works out to 1.823 ha. (1,962x9.295/10000). The depth of excavation varies from 1.50 m. to 15 m. in this part of road (1 to 22 locations in Forest area). Further, in this part of the road (China Vanthada to Forest boundary of Konda Thimmapuram). It was observed that the hillock was excavated on both sides of road in hard strata and seems to be excavated with the help of machinery after blasting operations. The marks of teeth of excavator and hole made for blasting operations with abandoned wire are noticed.

Further, it is observed that the alignment of newly formed road is crossing the actual proposed foot path (Right of way) with 2.0 m. width at the location 1,13, and 16 in this part (from China Vanthada to Konda Thimmapuram road in Forest area) and is covered with natural vegetation. The rest of the newly formed road alignment is deviated from the existing Right of way.

The recommendations of the Vigilance & Enforcement Department against Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, ACF (on the Job Training), allotted to Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle, earlier Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram are as follows:-

"Connived with Sri P. Seshagiri Rao, M.D., M/s SPM Agrotech & Minerals Private Limited., and allowed him without taking action as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for illegal transportation of the laterite mineral through the Lingamparthi RF as".

- a) misled that he has taken the charge on 27.01.2015 though he joined on 21.11.2014 and attended to inspection of the subject road for resurvey and fixing alignment on 26.11.2014 and 01.12.2014 as per his tour diary.
- b) allowed violations of the road "Konda Thimmapuram to Vanthada" approved under RoFR Act,2006.
- c) instructed the subordinates not to inspect that area until completion of the road.
- d) misled the Hon'ble High Court that the road work was not completed by 09.01.2015 as per Google Earthmap and transportation on the road.
- e) recommended for withdrawal of the permission for already completed road after allowing violations and illegal formation of road unauthorizedly.
- f) despite the report of Deputy Range Officer regarding the violations on 10.07.2015, he failed to take action as per Forest (Conservation) Act,1980.
- g) after filing of the W.P.No.26544/2015 in the Hon'ble High Court only, he submitted the report of his Deputy Range Officer dated.10.07.2015 to the Divisional Forest Officer on 11.08.2015 that the violations have been noticed.
- h) misled the Hon'ble High Court that he did not stop the transportation of the mining transport agency on the side and reporting that the road was not completed on the other hand though the road was completed by 09.01.2015 and transportation was allowed in the month of March,2015.

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- i) failed to report the violations observed by issuing PoR No.176/2015-16 on the same on 09.07.2015 as per A.P.Forest Act,1967 and A.P.Forest Department Code Volume-I but issued PoR on 20.11.2015 after a lapse of 4 months.
- j) failed to assess the distributed Forest value and destructed Forest value and destructed trees value in the PoR dated.20.11.2015.

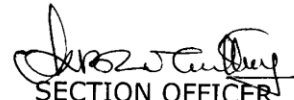

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Thus, the Charged Officer has failed to discharge his **general duties of Forest Officer under Section 148 of A.P.Forest Department Code and failed to attend the legitimate duties and responsibilities of Forest Range Officer as envisaged under Section 155 of A.P.Forest Department Code** and thereby, violated the provisions of the A.P.Forest Act,1967, Forest Conservation Act,1980 and Circular instructions issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in Circular No.13/1995, dated.12.11.1995 on Beat Inspections. **Hence, the Articles of charge.**

Thus Sri A. Trimurthulu Reddy, Assistant Conservator of Forests (on the job Training), allotted to Kakinada Division of Rajahmundry Circle, earlier Forest Range Officer, by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, discipline and devotion to duty and conduct un becoming of a Government servant thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) to (3) of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence the charge.

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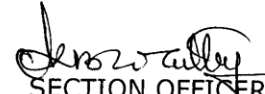
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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. TRIMURTHULU REDDY, ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (TRAINEE), SOUTHERN FOREST OFFICERS AND RANGERS TRAINING COLLEGE, COIMBATOUR, TAMIL NADU, EARLIER WORKED AS FOREST RANGE OFFICER, YELESWARAM RANGE, KAKINADA DIVISION OF RAJAHMUNDY CIRCLE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.**

- i. District Forest Officer, Kakinada Ref.No.5627/2014-D1, dated 01.11.2014.
- ii. Forest Range Officer, Yeleswaram, Report in Ref.No.521/2014, dated.11.08.2015.
- iii. District Forest Officer, Kakinada Rc.No.5627/2014/D1, dated.12.08.2015.
- iv. District Forest Officer, Kakinada Rc.No.5627/2014/D1, dated.01.12.2015.
- v. Director General (Vigilance & Enforcement) & E.O. Principal Secretary to Government, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR1/2016), dated 21.12.2018.
- vi. Govt.Memo.No.119/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS&T (SEC.IV) Department, dated 29.05.2019.
- vii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur Ref.No.5520/2019/Vig-1, dated.06.08.2019.

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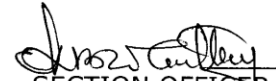
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**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. TRIMURTHULU REDDY, ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (TRAINEE), SOUTHERN FOREST OFFICERS AND RANGERS TRAINING COLLEGE, COIMBATOUR, TAMIL NADU, EARLIER WORKED AS FOREST RANGE OFFICER, YELESWARAM RANGE, KAKINADA DIVISION OF RAJAHMUNDY CIRCLE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.**

The concerned Officials of the Vigilance and Enforcement Department of Rajamahendravaram unit who have inspected the illegal formation of road in Compartment No.587 of Lingamparthi Reserve Forest of Yeleswaram Range of Kakinada Division.

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